

Amendment

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In re application of Gerald Blatt

App. No. 16683-000100-227

Filed May 26, 1995

Group Art Unit 3308

For JOINT TREATING METHOD

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.

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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+125=	\$		+250=	\$
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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed May 9, 1996, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11-20 and amend claims 1, 6, 7, 21 and 24 as follows. An appendix including all claims is enclosed for convenient reference.

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1. (Amended) A method for treating a joint having first and second mating joint surfaces comprising the following steps:
 - removing at least a portion of the first joint surface so to expose a cancellous bone surface;
 - selecting a non-porous bioresorbable implant;
 - placing [a] the bioresorbable implant between and in contact with the first and second joint surfaces so the implant initially keeps said exposed cancellous bone surface spaced apart from the second joint surface;